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Milk Production Down 4.2 Percent

Idaho milk production during February 2013 totaled 1.00 billion pounds, a 4.2 percent decrease from the same month last year, and a 9.0 percent decrease from January 2013, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. However, production was down only 0.8 percent after adjusting for the leap year. January 2013 milk production was revised to 1.11 billion pounds, up 4 million pounds from the preliminary. Average milk production per cow for February 2013 was 1,730 pounds, down 70 pounds from last year's level. The average number of milk cows during February was 579,000 head, down 2,000 head from February 2012.

Milk production in the 23 major States during February totaled 14.6 billion pounds, down 3.4 percent from February 2012. However, production was 0.1 percent above last year after adjusting for the leap year. January revised production at 15.9 billion pounds, was up 0.6 percent from January 2012. The January revision represented an increase of 6 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,722 pounds for February, 58 pounds below February 2012. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.50 million head, 13,000 head less than February 2012, but 2,000 head more than January 2013.

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